

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 31-45 are amended for clarification purposes only. No new matter has been added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Ngo during the January 27 telephone conference, are gratefully appreciated. During the telephone conference, Examiner Ngo indicated that amending claims 31-45 to remove reference numbers did not broaden the scope of the claims, and the amendment will be entered.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 since the amendments do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration because the amendments simply correct minor informalities in the claim. Thus, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-45 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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